

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application. Herein, claim 40 has been canceled and claim 21 amended.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the February 7, 2011 Final Office Action, claims 21-36 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Herron, Jr. (U.S. Patent No. 4,970,753). In Response, Applicants respectfully submitted that there is no disclosure in Herron, Jr. of a “blower compartment cover” having a second capsule part as claimed in independent claim 21. The grounds of rejection stated that the cover inherently has a capsule since the purpose is a suction compartment, and as such, the motor would have to be encapsulated from above as well.

Solely to advance prosecution of exemplary embodiments of the invention, Applicants have amended claim 21 to further define features of the second capsule part that is neither taught nor suggested by Herron, Jr.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, allowance of claims 21-39 is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the remarks herein, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned. If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

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